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MEMORANDUM

TO: Executive Directors Area Agencies on Aging
Area Agency on Aging Senior Center Managers

FROM: Faye D. Cates, MSSW, Human Services Program Coordinator

DATE: March 22, 2005

SUBJECT: 2005 OLDER AMERICANS MONTH PHOTO ESSAY CONTEST

The Administration on Aging has extended the entry deadline for the 2005 Older Americans Month Photo Essay contest until **Friday, April 15, 2005**. Senior centers are encouraged to submit an entry. The purpose of this contest is to enhance the image of older Americans to all generations through pictures. The photographs are to reflect the photographer's interpretation of the 2005 Older American's Month Theme, "Celebrate Long-Term Living."

For contest rules, entry form and model release form please go to the following web site.

http://www.aoa.gov/press/oam/May_2005/photo_contest/photo_contest.asp

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TO: Executive Directors
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FROM: Ellen Nau, Human Services Program Coordinator

DATE: March 22, 2005

SUBJECT: Respite Grant Opportunity

The Brookdale Foundation Group has issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the startup of social model group respite programs for people with Alzheimer's disease and their family caregivers. In November 2005, The Foundation will be awarding up to fifteen seed grants of \$7500 for new, dementia-specific group respite programs. Any 501 © or equivalent –not-for-profit health or social service agency wishing to develop a Social model, day program for Alzheimer's families is invited to apply. Proposals are due at The Brookdale Foundation office in New York by Thursday, July 7, 2005.

Applications should be based on *How to Start and Manage a Group Activities and Respite Program for People with Alzheimer's and Their Families*, a manual for community based organizations is available free of charge from The Foundation. If you are interested in obtaining a copy of the RFP for 2005, or would like a free copy of *How to Start and Manage Activities and Respite Program for People with Alzheimer's and Their Families*, please contact Evelyn Yuen, TA Resources Manager, Brookdale National Group Respite Program, 2320 Channing Way, Berkeley, CA 94704, phone (510) 540-6734, fax (510) 540-6771, email: bngrp@best.com.

New grantees under this program will receive \$7500 in year one, renewable at \$3000 in year two, receive technical assistance in developing their respite program and attend a three day training conference in November, 2005. Announcement of new grantees will be in September, 2005 with funding beginning in November 2005.

As a program coordinator for Title III Adult Day Care Services and the Virginia Respite Grant, I recommend those entities contemplating utilizing Brookdale respite grant funds

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in an adult day care setting, consult the Virginia Department of Social Services Licensing Manual for Adult Day Care to familiarize your organization with the requirements for such facilities in Virginia.

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FROM: Tim M. Catherman
Deputy Commissioner, Support Services

DATE: March 22, 2005

SUBJECT: Virginia Aging and AoA in the News

Below are Virginia Aging or AoA related articles that have occurred since last week's Tuesday E-mailing. These links do not require a paid service; however, some (like the Washington Post, etc.) ask a brief survey or registration. Please note some links are time sensitive and can change daily. Some articles may be editorial and/or political. Links are presented 'as is'.

If you are aware of articles that I am missing, please e-mail me a link for inclusion next week.

Virginia AAAs In the News[Aging Administration Recognizes 17 Local Groups for Helping ...](#)

SeniorJournal.com - San Antonio, TX

... food choices for older Americans. The program is sponsored by the US Administration on Aging (AoA). The awards were announced at ...

Jo Ann Davis secures funds for two Bay Transit bus facilities

On page 2 is a newspaper article from Northumberland Echo – Heathsville, VA

Other[Warner to Approve New Rules Governing Assisted Living](#)

Washington Post, Washington D.C.

...we may charge more to board an animal than we do to take care of a person," said David Sadowski, president of the Virginia Coalition on Aging.

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[Show me where hurricane money went and I'll show you corruption](#)

The News-Press - Fort Myers, FL

... I will be interested to know what happened to the millions given by the Florida Administration on Aging to the Department of Elder Affairs to provide services ...

[County unveils elderly services plan](#)

Provo Daily Herald - Provo, UT

... The association is currently the area agency on aging for the three counties. ... The financial plan for the proposal isn't done yet, though. ...

NORTHUMBERLAND ECHO • HEATHSVILLE, VA. • WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16, 2005

Jo Ann Davis secures funds for two Bay Transit bus facilities in region

Last week, Congresswoman Jo Ann Davis secured \$3.25 million to fund bus facilities in the Northern Neck and Middle Peninsula regions.

With the passage of HR 3, the Transportation Equity Act, this funding will go towards the construction of two multi-modal bus facilities which will serve as terminals for passengers of Bay Transit, which many low income and elderly people rely on for their transportation needs. The measure passed the House with Davis' support and will be considered in the Senate.

"This funding will go towards the construction of two bus facilities - one on the Middle Peninsula and one on the Northern Neck - that will house bus scheduling, dispatching, supervision, and maintenance operations as

well as serve passengers of Bay Transit," said Davis.

"These facilities are needed to accommodate projected service growth and to consolidate Bay Transit's operations. These facilities will significantly improve the efficiency and effectiveness of Bay Transit services and will produce improved mobility to many of Virginia's transit dependent citizens," added Davis.

Bay Transit is a division of the non-profit Bay Aging and operates a demand-response public transportation system serving the Middle Peninsula and the Northern Neck.

According to Bay Transit, many of the riders are elderly and/or low-income individuals, and this project is desperately needed to meet the needs of the communities.

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SUBJECT: Two New AAA Executive Directors

Last week the Board of Directors of the Eastern Shore Area Agency on Aging/Community Action Agency and the Rappahannock Area Agency on Aging selected Executive Directors of their respective agencies. The Department for the Aging welcomes Diane Musso as the Executive Director of Eastern Shore and Jim Schaefer as the Executive Director of Rappahannock.

Diane Musso has been employed with the Eastern Shore Area Agency on Aging/Community Action Agency since she moved to the Eastern Shore in 1993. She served one year as the Head Start Family Service Coordinator before becoming Head Start's Co-Director in 1994. Ms. Musso received her B.A. in psychology from Salisbury State University in 1989. In 2003, she received a M.A. in organizational management from the University of Phoenix. She has served as a Federal Review Team member for Head Start and has been a presenter at both National and State Research Conferences.

Ms. Musso is the Co-Chair of the Eastern Shore's Prevention Coalition, a member of Accomack County's Special Education Advisory Council and also serves on the area's Regional Literacy Council.

Jim Schaefer has been employed with the Rappahannock Area Agency on Aging since 1980. Upon coming to Rappahannock, he has served as the agency's Nutrition Director and the Assistant Director. Mr. Schaefer received graduate degrees in history from Indiana State University and the University of Toledo.

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Thuy Lam, Rappahannock's Finance Director, has assumed additional responsibilities as the agency's Deputy Director.

The Department for the Aging welcomes you to your new positions.